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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7213

BILL NUMBER: SB 444

DATE PREPARED: Mar 23, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Mar 22, 2001

SUBJECT: Reimbursements by County Jail Inmates.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires a prisoner who is lawfully detained in a county jail in a county with a population less than six thousand to reimburse the county for the cost of the detention if certain criteria are present. The bill allows a county to use money in the County Prisoner Reimbursement Fund for the costs of care, maintenance, and housing of prisoners, including the cost of housing prisoners in the facilities of another county. The bill makes the maximum per diem to be paid by an inmate \$50 per day.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) This bill would require certain individuals who have committed a misdemeanor or felony and who are subject to lawful detention in a county jail for a period of more than six hours to reimburse Ohio County the costs of associated with costs of holding that person in a county jail (up to \$50 per day). The bill requires the county to deposit any revenue received from the reimbursements into a Prisoner Reimbursement Fund. Money in the fund may be used to defray the costs of care, maintenance, and housing of prisoners, including the costs of housing prisoners in another county's facilities. The amount of additional revenue that this bill will generate for Ohio County is indeterminable and will depend on the number of persons that are required to reimburse the county for these costs.

Background Information: Under current law, counties may adopt an ordinance requiring prisoners to reimburse the county for the cost of detention (up to \$30 per day). Revenue from these reimbursements is deposited into a county Prisoner Reimbursement Fund which can be used for the operation, construction,

repair, remodeling, enlarging, and equipment of a county jail or juvenile detention center. The law requires a prisoner to be in a county jail for a 72-hour minimum stay before the county is reimbursed. (The exact number of counties that require prisoner reimbursement is currently indeterminable. However, it is estimated that only a small percentage of them do so.)

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Ohio County.

Information Sources: